

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 1243

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, PFOR, EG, VS

SUBJECT: EGYPT AIR OVERFLIGHT OF SOUTH VIETNAM

REF: A. CAIRO 10213 (NOTAL)

B. SAIGON 15438 (NOTAL)

1. TECHNICAL INFORMATION CONTAINED REF A WAS PASSED TO MFA  
DEC 18 WHO WILL TRANSMIT IT TO DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AVIATION.

2. RE EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL OVERFLIGHTS REPORTED  
REF B, ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS GIANG  
DEC 19 TOLD US MFA FAVORED APPROVAL AND CONSIDERED REFERRAL TO  
PRIME MINISTER ONLY A FORMALITY. WE ENCOURAGED IDEA OF APPROVAL.

3. FYI: GIANG ALSO TOLD US GVN AMBASSADOR JIDDA HAD RECENTLY  
BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ASK SAUDIS TO APPROACH GOE ON GVN BEHALF  
TO REQUEST PERMISSION FOR OPENING OF GVN INFORMATION OFFICE  
IN CAIRO. THIS REQUEST WAS SPECIFICALLY NOT RPT NOT TO BE LINKED  
TO QUESTION OF EGYPTIAN OVERFLIGHTS. AMBASSADOR HAS REPORTED HE  
PASSED REQUEST TO SAUDI VICE-MINISTER BUT NO RESPONSE FROM EGYPT  
SO FAR. END FYI.

4. RE PARA 3 REF A, WE HAVE CLARIFIED WITH MFA THAT GVN INTENTION  
WAS FOR EGYPT AIR TO BEGIN OVERFLIGHTS DECEMBER 1, WITH TECHNICAL  
INFORMATION TO BE TRANSMITTED LATER. EGYPT AIR ONLY "JUMPED

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GUN" TO EXTENT ACTUAL OVERFLIGHTS WERE TWICE NUMBER GVN THOUGHT

HAD BEEN AGREED. THUS, WHILE WE APPRECIATE SIRRI'S APOLOGIES,  
HE MAY BE ASSURED WE HAVE BEEN CAUSED NO EMBARRASSMENT.  
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